

## Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas 2006 to our Family and Friends!

On December 5, we celebrate our second anniversary on the road. It has been an amazing year. Larry is working on pictures for an updated web site in 2007, but we thought we would share a small amount of the storey now.

Last Fall and Winter we were in Apache Junction, Arizona. Felicity and Melody visited us in October. Paul came to visit over Christmas. These were the highlights of the time in Arizona. What we enjoyed most were the Superstition Mountains, Indian Ruins, and Tonto Natural Bridge.

We left Apache Junction on March 12 and headed for the Pacific Ocean at San Diego and did some job shopping for other winters. We crossed the Mojave Desert and headed for our summer job near beautiful Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah. We were high all summer (at 7800 feet).

The scenery in Utah was fabulous with incredible rock formations and colors of rock we never know were possible. We spent over 7 months in Utah, most of it working, but we did some hiking, driving the roads less traveled, and being amazed at every turn. Felicity and Melody visited us in early October.

We headed out October 16, just before a major snow storm. We stopped that night at a Wal-Mart, only to wake up the next morning with a little snow on the ground and a furnace that had stopped working. God watches over us. We were able to get the furnace fixed at our next stop for only \$70.00. New furnaces run over \$1000.

The next stop was Moab UT, which is the best place to stay when visiting Arches NP, Dead Horse Point SP, and Canyonlands NP. The first two are fabulous. From here we dropped down to Monument Valley – a harsh land with outstanding beauty that has been featured in many diverse Western movies from Stagecoach (1939) to Back to the Future III (relatively recent). We then traveled through Arizona and New Mexico on our way to Big Bend NP on the Rio Grande River in Texas. You could throw a rock into Mexico, and Larry did.

We are currently wintering in San Marcos, in the “Hill Country” of Texas between Austin and San Antonio. We have lovely RV site under pecan trees. There is even a “bark park” for the dogs. We spent Thanksgiving in shorts grilling steaks and eating outside in 75 degree weather.

For our friends and family in Indiana, we should be back from mid-April through mid-May for Paul’s college graduation.

Next summer we should be working in the Des Moines Iowa area.

With L\*O\*V\*E to all  
Larry, Phyllis, Roscoe, and Harpo

Picture is Phyllis’ “Fire Hydrant Santa” from Apache Junction